

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Title of Rule:** Rules and Regulations Governing the Termination of Residential Electric, Gas and Water Service (810-RICR-10-00-1)

**Rule Identifier:** 810-RICR-10-00-1

**Rulemaking Action:** Direct Final Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: October 3, 2024

End of Public Comment: November 4, 2024

**Rulemaking Authority:**

R.I.G.L. §39-1 et seq. and §42-35 et seq.

and Public Law 08-445

R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1-63(a)

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

This rule is being amended to change the end date of the winter utility termination moratorium period from April 15th to May 1st to comply with R.I. Gen. Laws Section 39-1-63(a)

The Agency does not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore, a public hearing will not be held.

**Additional Information and Public Comments:**

If no formal objection is received on or before November 4, 2024, the Public Utilities Commission will file the Amendment and the Final Rule will take effect on this date.

Objections should be addressed to:

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**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

Low and Moderate income electric and gas customers as well as other "protected" classes of customers will have an extra two weeks of protection from termination of service. All residential customers will receive extra notice of impending service termination for an extra two weeks. This provides a health and safety benefit. The corresponding cost is that if a customer uses the moratorium to avoid bill payment, they come out with higher bills which, if not paid, are passed on to other utility ratepayers.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staff person listed above.